

### ABSTRACT

An anatomically-designed absorbent article for protection against anal soiling in adults is an anal region pantyliner, with an impervious outer layer, an absorbent middle layer, and a porous inner layer. It is preferably held in place against the undergarment by  
5 removable adhesive. It is specifically designed to absorb anal leakage and is of a unique design to fit the male anatomy as well as the female. A unique feature of this product is its shape, which is pear-like in outline, with the wide area covering the buttocks and the narrow part extending forward between the legs. It terminates short of the genital area, so it is as comfortable for males as for females. An alternative female version continues  
10 forward to cover the vaginal or urethral region. The preferred embodiment is thicker in the crotch area, having an absorbent pad situated retro-scrotally along the center and an additional inter-buttock absorbent ridge. An alternative embodiment is thicker in the crotch area to absorb more exudate, having an absorbent dam situated retro-scrotally. Another alternative embodiment is flat, being of uniform thickness.